

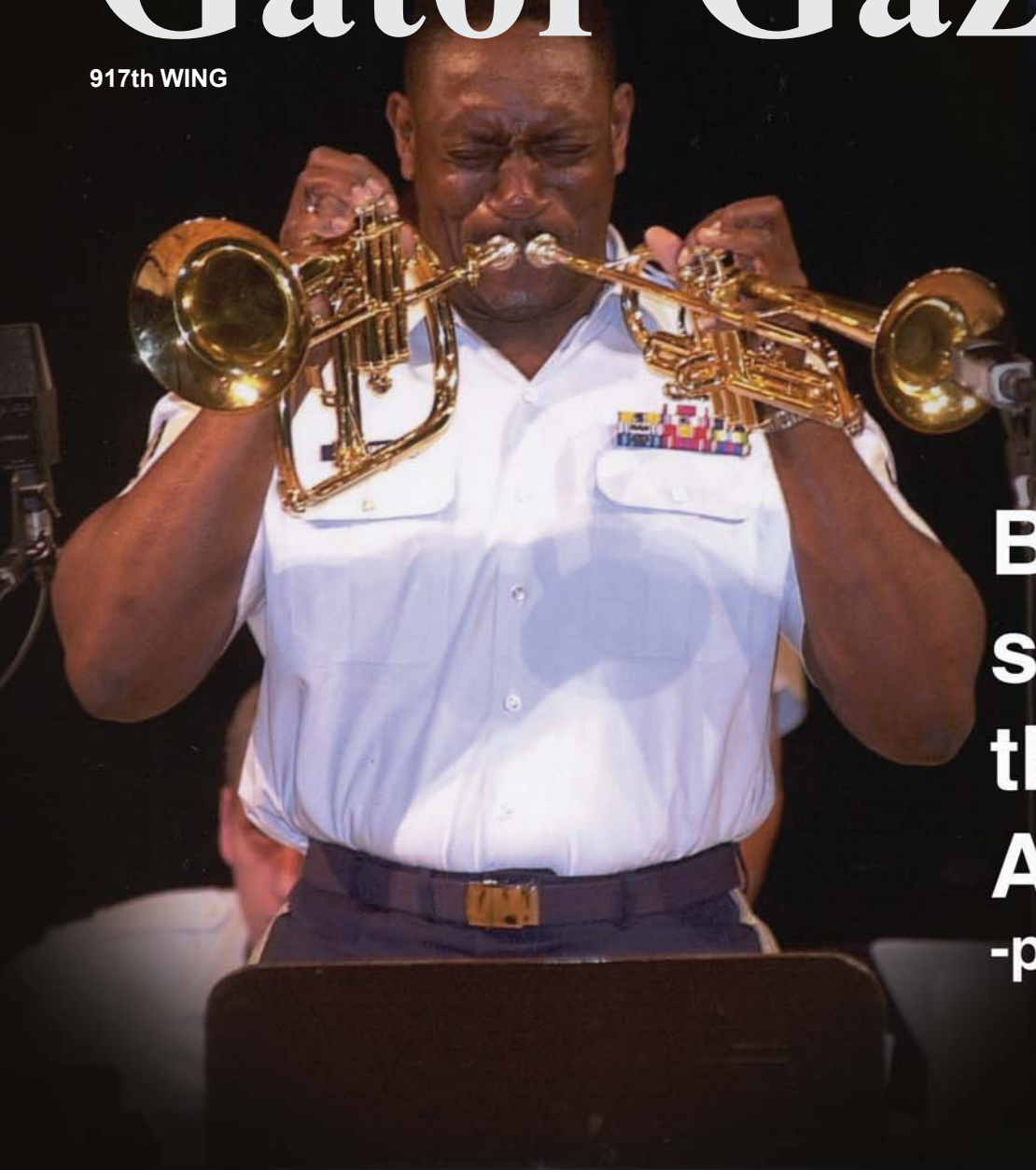
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**Cover: The Air Force Reserve Band visits the Ark-La-Tex Feb. 18-20 with their big concert scheduled for Feb. 18 at the Shreveport Civic Theater located at 500 Clyde Fant Parkway. Tickets are available, free of charge, in the Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 212. (Photo illustration by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)**

## Preparing for tasks ahead

I don't know if I mentioned this before, but Boudreaux is a big LSU fan and of course he had 50-yard line tickets for the Sugar Bowl this year. As he sits down, a man comes down and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him. Boudreaux says, "Dat seat be empty." The man said, "That's incredible. Who in their right mind would have a seat like this and then not use it?" Boudreaux says, "Dat seat belong to me. I wuz comin' with my wife but she done pass on. This is the first LSU football game we didn't come with each other since we bin married." The man said, "Oh...I'm sorry to hear that. But couldn't you find a friend or relative to take the seat?" Boudreaux shakes his head sadly, "No, dey all at the funeral."

This UTA we will take our first major step in preparing for our Sugar Bowl, the Operational Readiness Inspection. We will be conducting a full mobility (personnel and equipment) and aircraft generation exercise. We will initiate the exercise with our annual communications/recall test Thurs., Feb. 5. So expect a call at home or work as we test recall procedures and verify numbers.

The mobility part of the exercise will include personnel and cargo preparation and processing. The

objectives will be to check every individual's mobility folder, training record, shot record and dog tags. In addition, we will practice palletizing our equipment and getting the paperwork correct.

To do good in our "Sugar Bowl," we all must be in top physical shape, which brings me to my final point. You all have heard about the new Air Force Fit-to-Fight Program. This will replace our Weight Management Program and three-mile walk. We are required to start testing by April 2004 and complete all assessments by Dec. 31, 2004. Fitness is an individual responsibility, and the goal is to see each member develop a

healthier lifestyle and do it safely. Each reservist will be required to complete a prescreening questionnaire to identify those who may be at risk for illness or injury, and get those individuals cleared by the medics before they begin to exercise. Otherwise, start now and start slow as you prepare for the mile-and-a-half run, sit-ups and push-ups.

We have a lot of hard work ahead of us and some major challenges during this next year, but we have great people, and there is no doubt that we will win the big one. Thanks for all you do for our Air Force and our country.



**Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle**  
Wing Commander

## Experiencing life transitions

We so often get into daily routines and take many things for granted. Sometime we are not aware of how events like divorce, retirement, death of a loved one, etc., have on our lives.

The Holmes-Rahe Social Readjustment Ratings Scale (<http://www.healpastlives.com/future/cure/scale.htm>) lists the top life stressors and gives individuals an opportunity to assess their level of personal stress.

Listed below are a few common life stressors:

- Death of a spouse... 100
- Divorce... 73
- Marital separation... 65
- Death of a family member... 63
- Marriage... 50
- Marital reconciliation... 45
- Retirement... 45
- Change in financial status... 38
- More frequent arguments... 35

- Major mortgage... 32
- Foreclosure of mortgage loan... 30
- Responsibility change at work... 29
- Child leaving home... 29
- Trouble with in-laws... 29
- Outstanding personal achievement... 28

To determine a cumulative stress level, add the stressors.

So what's the cure for stress or distress? Some events are completely out of our control, such as sudden death or diseases (although some are preventable). You can, however, build stronger marriages, families and relationships if you are willing to "work" at these relationships.

A good place to start is your local church or fellowship. Many churches today offer fi-



**Chaplain (Capt.)**  
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Wing Chaplains Office

nancial planning, retirement planning and relationship counseling. And don't forget your chaplains and unit family support.

Don't wait until the last minute. The Bible reminds us, "Plans fail for lack of counsel." Be proactive.





# Preparing for the real thing

## What is a deployment exercise?

A "deployment exercise" tests a unit's capability to move personnel and equipment to a forward operating location within a timeframe of 72 hours. Units should be prepared to generate aircraft and move equipment and personnel immediately, while continuing to be in a ready state to meet the Air Force mission.

## When will the exercise occur?

The deployment exercise will take place during the February unit training assembly. This will be followed up by a deployment/regeneration exercise on the March UTA, followed by an employment exercise in April.

## Who is involved in the exercise?

Phase I of the exercise (February and March UTAs) curtails a deployment exercise for personnel and equipment processing for tasked units throughout the Wing. Units not tasked include the 47th Fighter Squadron and the 717th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

During Phase I, each tasked unit has a Unit Deployment Manager who is responsible for preparation, deployment (ship out) and redeployment (return) of all equipment and personnel tasked.

## What do personnel need to bring?

When members process through the Wing auditorium, each person must have all the items referenced within his or her readiness folder. Technical sergeants and below must hand carry their OJT record. During the February exercise, there will be no professional or personal drag bag.

## When does the exercise begin?

The exercise begins when the commander receives a possible deployment warning order, which advises units to prepare their resources for possible movement.

An actual tasking order is received which identifies the who, what, where and length of operation requirements and or if a partial mobilization (placing members on active duty) status is required. A unit recall is initiated, and UDMs begin the ready process of identified tasking.

A schedule of events is completed, identifying processing periods for the deploying unit's equipment and personnel in order to meet aircraft or ground movement transportation departure times. Chalks are composed of deploying personnel and equipment based on the transportation type, whether it be a C-5 or C-17 for example.

## How does the exercise progress?

Over 600 personnel must be processed and completed by noon Sunday. Equipment processing starts at 7 a.m. Saturday.

All exercises start personnel processing with the aircrew. This is necessary, as they have to generate their applicable aircraft for departure to a forward operating location.

February's exercise starts after the Wing commander completes his newcomers orientation. The first chalk begins with the aircrew and maintenance crew chiefs in the

Wing auditorium, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227, no later than 8:30 a.m. Saturday. There are approximately 79 personnel on the first chalk. Chalks 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e have about the same number of personnel. The last chalk for Saturday starts processing at 2:50 p.m. Check with your UDM for your chalk assignment.

## What will be built up on the pallets?

Cargo bins, boxes and various non-rolling stock items plus baggage and real-world chemical warfare ensembles are placed on pallets. There is a shortage of pallets and cargo nets throughout the Air Force due to real-world events. Priority of pallets will go to Maintenance, Civil Engineering, and Security Forces, since their equipment is essential to survive and operate.

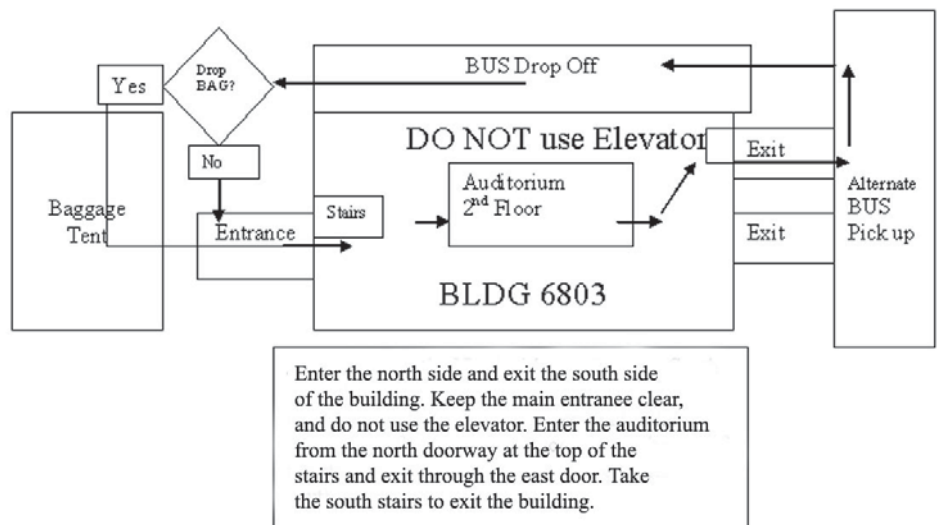
## Why do we practice?

The reason we practice is to make certain the Wing can meet the Air Force mission when called upon at a moment's notice. It is our mission to train... and to employ the B-52 bomber in support of the Air Force worldwide commitment in conventional combat. We train for worldwide deployment to execute the missions of strategic attack, air interdiction, counter air and joint maritime operations.

## What should Wing personnel expect to get out of this exercise?

Each individual member should know how vitally important they are to this whole process. Without everyone doing their part, this unit cannot meet its overall objectives efficiently and expeditiously.

*(Information for this article was provided by the 917th Logistics Readiness Squadron and Chief Master Sgt. Marion Aaberg, 917th Military Personnel Flight)*



# Celebrate black history:

## *Outstanding airmen highlighted*

**By Senior Airman Ebony Nichols**  
**Wing Public Affairs**

The month of February gives military members the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of early African-American airmen who set the stage for others to serve.

Known as the "father of black history," Carter G. Woodson founded Negro History week during the 1920s based on his convictions that African Americans should be proud of their heritage, and other Americans should also understand it.

February was chosen because Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln had birthdays during this month. In 1976, Negro History Week became a month-long celebration.

According to a study conducted in 2002, approximately 53,115 of the 296,130 members in the Air Force are African American.

The Wing highlights two African-American members who go above and beyond what they are called to do as citizen airmen.

One Air Reserve Technician shows her dedication by driving four hours a day to work in the 917th Maintenance Squadron.

"Lots of people don't understand why I drive four hours a day to come to work.... but I wake up every morning happy to come to work," said Tech. Sgt. Bianca Sellers-Brown.

"That's important to me; I love my job."

Sergeant Sellers-Brown has been in the Air Force for 21 years. She joined when she was 17 years old and served on active duty 12 years prior to joining the Reserve.

"The five years I was out... were miserable," she said. "When I came back (to the military), I came home."

In her military home, Sergeant Sellers-Brown was positively influenced by airmen like retired Senior Master Sgt. Norm Hustead and the late Senior Master Sgt. Margaret Mayweather.

According to Sellers-Brown, Sergeant

Hustead encouraged her to become an ART and focus on her professional military education. Sergeant Mayweather encouraged her to seek new challenges to attain her long-term goal, to become Chief of Wing Information Systems.

Sergeant Sellers-Brown said she encourages young, African Americans to "get an education and use it toward the military."

Tech. Sgt. Craig Stevens, 917th Mission Support Group assistant workgroup manager, said he considers serving in the Reserve his greatest accomplishment.

Sergeant Stevens, who has a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology and an Associate's in Surgical Technology, said he plans to get commissioned and begin medical school. He attributes his accomplishments to African Americans who paved the way for him.

"I'm grateful they had the courage to fight for their beliefs despite the racial controversy," said Sergeant Stevens.

"I am proud Joe Luis, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and a long list of others are a part of my culture," he said. "I encourage young airmen to set goals and deadlines for themselves. If they don't, they'll just be spinning their wheels."



**Sellers-Brown**



**Stevens**

*Goodbye, sweet rose...*



**Senior Master Sgt.**  
**Margaret Mayweather**  
*June 15, 1950 - Dec. 26, 2003*

The 917th Wing mourns the loss of Senior Master Sgt. Margaret Mayweather who died Dec. 26, 2003. Mayweather, chief of Information Systems, served in the Air Force Reserve for the past 22 years. Prior to that, she served in the Air National Guard in Des Moines, Iowa for five years.

Sergeant Mayweather founded the Chief Cheryl T. Denson Memorial Foundation in her memory. She actively participated in Barksdale's African-American Heritage and Women's History Committees.

Friends say they remember her for her willingness to help.

"Margaret was my big sister, my special friend and my mentor," said Senior Master Sgt. Candy Green, 2nd Mission Support Squadron individual mobilization augmentee and former member of the 917th Wing. "Her genuine love shined through to anyone who came in contact with her. Her special presence, professionalism and wealth of knowledge will be truly missed by many."

"Senior Master Sgt. Mayweather will be greatly missed by the 917th," said Col. Kevin Wolfe, 917th Mission Support Group commander. "Her professionalism and dedication were second to none, and her concern for others was evident in everything she did."

Sergeant Mayweather is survived by her husband, Roy, and her sons, Wallace "Jire" Kipper and Genon and Troy Mayweather.

## Dates to remember

1863-Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, a bill that freed all slaves.

1868-Thirteenth Amendment was ratified, declaring slavery illegal.

1892-Homer Plessy (Plessy vs. Ferguson), who was seven-eighths white, was arrested for sitting in a white railroad car. In 1896, Judge John Ferguson found Homer guilty of refusing to leave the white car resulting in racial segregation on railroad cars only if the facilities were equal, known as the "separate but equal" ruling.

1951-Oliver Brown vs. the Board of Education, a black railroad worker of Topeka, Kansas, sued the Board of Education for not letting his daughter, Linda, attend Summer Elementary School, an all white school. In 1954, Chief Justice Earl Warren read the decision of the unanimous (unopposed) vote of the Supreme Court to Brown v. Board declaring racial segregation in public school illegal.

1955-The bus boycott by Ms. Rosa Parks encouraged Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to lead a boycott against segregated buses. The boycott ended in 1956, when the Supreme Court declared it was illegal to segregate public transportation facilities.

(Information obtained from Tech. Sgt. Jimmy McGee, 917th Wing Military Equal Opportunity)

# And the band plays on

*Reserve band visits Ark-La-Tex*

**February 18**

*5-7 a.m.*

*Southern Aire*

Ark La Tex in the Morning  
KSLA Channel 12, Shreveport, La.

*7-9 p.m.*

*Concert Band*

Shreveport Civic Theater



**February 20**

*9-10 a.m.*

*Southern Aire*

Shriners Hospital for Children, Shreveport, La.

*10-11 a.m.*

*Jazz Ensemble*

Fouke High School, Fouke, Ark.

*10 a.m. - noon*

*Brass & Woodwind Quintets*

SciPort Discovery Center, Shreveport, La.

*10:30 - 11:30 a.m.*

*Dixie Express*

Barksdale BXTRA Food Court, Barksdale AFB, La.

*1:30 - 2:30 p.m.*

*Southern Aire*

Benton High School, Benton, La.

*2:30 - 3:15 p.m.*

*Dixie Express*

Fair Park High School, Shreveport, La.

*2:45 - 3:45 p.m.*

*Jazz Ensemble*

Texas High School, Texarkana, Texas



**February 19**

*9-10 a.m.*

*Southern Aire*

Rutherford House, Shreveport, La.

*10 a.m. - noon*

*Dixie Express*

SciPort Discovery Center, Shreveport, La.

*10:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.*

*Brass & Woodwind Quintets*

West Monroe High School, Monroe, La.

*1:30 - 2:15 p.m.*

*Southern Aire*

Huntington High School, Shreveport, La.

*1:30 - 2:30 p.m.*

*Jazz Ensemble*

Whitehouse Elementary School, Whitehouse, Texas

*2:15 - 3 p.m.*

*Dixie Express*

Veteran's Hospital, Shreveport, La.

*5 - 6 p.m.*

*Jazz Ensemble*

Robert E. Lee High School, Tyler, Texas





# Just like dad

## *Crew chief's son follows in his footsteps*

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant  
Wing Public Affairs

It's a dream many fathers have...to have a son follow in their footsteps. And for Tech. Sgt. David Bailey, B-52 crew chief, that dream has come true.

"They are a father-son team like none the 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron has seen before...made from the same mold, doing the same job," said Senior Master Sgt. John Tomasek, 917 AMXS aircraft maintenance flight chief.

Dad, Tech. Sgt. David Bailey, and son, Airman 1st Class Cody, will both hold the title of crew chief on the B-52H bomber after Cody's completion of technical school next month.

Cody's career as an aircraft maintainer began at the ripe old age of eight, when he accompanied his dad to the Barksdale AFB Aero Club, where his dad performed aircraft maintenance.

"I've been around airplanes all my life," Cody said, "so coming out here and working with my dad seemed like a normal thing to do."

"The Reserve offers great college benefits which will help me to pursue a degree in nursing," he said. "After I get my degree, I hope to pursue a commission and fly for the Air Force." Cody said he sees serving as his way to pay the military back for his education, and plans to have a lot of fun doing it.

"I'm very proud he wants to go this route," David said. "The military is a great way to gain experience and get an education at the same time. You just don't see a lot of kids interested in taking the time to serve their country nowadays."

"Now Cody wants to follow in my footsteps in a job I've done for the last 22 years," he said. "I'm excited for him to be a part of it with me."

Cody is no stranger to new challenges. He has worked as a volunteer firefighter/first responder for the last three years at the East 80 Fire Station in Bossier Parish.

"My experience as a volunteer firefighter has taught me how important it is to serve others," Cody said. "I am learning similar values in the military. Everything I have learned will help me...in any challenge I pursue."



**Sergeant Bailey and his son, Cody, both crew chiefs with the 917 AMXS, communicate with aircrew in a B-52 aircraft prior to its flight. While on Christmas exodus from technical training, Cody received on-the-job training from his dad. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)**

For members of the 917 AMXS, the father-son duo appears to be a winning combination.

"We're actually training for the future with Bailey and his son," said Tech. Sgt. Paul Trosclair, fellow B-52 crew chief. "Cody is part of the up and coming generation of airmen and will benefit greatly from all the information David can pass on to him. With the B-52 sticking around until 2040, we need good, quick-witted troops like Cody."

A look of pride shows across the face of David, a proud father, while he and his son walk around the bomber, and he passes on his experience to what he calls one of the sharpest young airmen in the entire Air Force.

# Making history

## *First female B-52 pilot joins Reserve*

**By 2nd Lt. Torri White**  
**Wing Public Affairs**

With a positive attitude and determination, Heather Pearson made history in the Air Force Reserve. She became the first female B-52 aviator to serve in the 917th Wing when she joined the 93rd Bomb Squadron in 2003.

"Flying is awesome; I wouldn't want any other job," said Heather. She has taken aviation to the third generation which started 50 years ago with her grandfather, Clem Pearson. He earned his wings which he passed to his son, Lt. Col. Keith Pearson in 1980. He then passed them on to Heather upon her graduation from Pilot Training in 2003.

After completing her first year at Louisiana State University, Heather decided to pursue her interest in flying.

"She was more on the modeling track...that kind of stuff. When she told me she wanted to start flying airplanes, it kind of set me back," said Colonel Pearson. "But at the same time, if that is what she wanted to do, then I gave her the plan that she needed to do it." After expressing these thoughts to her father she found herself enrolled in flying lessons the next day.

Heather continued to attend LSU and devoted her summers to flying and received her private license in the summer of 1998, instrument rating the next year, then finally her multi-engine license a year later.

"Once I had completed all the civilian ratings I wanted, I began looking at different Guard and Reserve units for a flying slot," Heather said. "I was hired by the 93rd during my senior year at LSU." She completed a degree in finance in May 2001 and was immediately off to Officer Training School for three months.

"At the time of all the training, it seemed like the hardest thing I had ever

done, like it was never going to end, but it did end and was definitely worth all my hard work and effort," Heather said. After 12 months of pilot training, she had 14 short days to relax until her B-52 training began.

"My first B-52 ride was quite an eye-opening experience," Heather recalls. She was familiar with one-hour flights and was now going to be on board for up to



Heather sits in the pilot seat of a B-52 prior to flight. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)

10- hour flights. Heather said she was ready to accept the challenge.

"It was very different than anything I had ever flown, and the first time I landed, I felt pretty powerful," Heather said. She credits her success to the loved ones around her. "My father has always been there to guide me and answer plenty of questions."

Heather gives the following advice to other future aviators, "If I had one thing to say to anyone that might want to pursue a flying career, I would say go for it. Stick to it no matter how hard it seems at times, because it is worth it!"

## Famous female military firsts

*Col. Oveta Culp Hobby*

- first director of the Women's Army Corps
- first woman to receive U.S. Army Distinguished Service Medal in 1945

*Lt. Kara Hultgreen*

- Navy's first fully qualified female fleet fighter pilot
- only 29 when her Tomcat slammed into the Pacific Ocean in 1994-sadly making her the first woman combat pilot to die in service

*2nd Lt. Sarah Deal*

- first woman Marine selected for Naval aviation training. She received her wings on April 21, 1995 and served as a CH-53E pilot.

*Amelia Earhart*

- first woman to fly the Atlantic Ocean alone, setting a record time of 13 hours and 30 minutes and the only person to fly it twice

*Bessie Coleman*

- first African-American female pilot during a time of widespread racial discrimination. She died tragically in 1926 during an airshow stunt.



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## Claim your miles, deduct on taxes

Those members who travel more than 100 miles from home to attend unit training assemblies may now deduct unreimbursed transportation, meals and lodging expenses on their taxes.

For 2003, taxpayers will use Form 2106 or 2106-EZ to figure the deduction amount and carry it as a "write-in" to Form 1040, line 33, putting the letters "RC" and the amount on the dotted line and including this subtraction in the entry for line 33.

Contact 917th Wing Military Pay at 456-9711 for more information.

## FAQs answered about physical exams

- Physical/dental exams are a yearly requirement.
- Members are scheduled for a physical the month prior to their birth month.
- Members **must** fill out the Reserve Component Physical Health Assessment questionnaire online at <https://www.wbits.afrc.af.mil> **before** their scheduled physical.
- All fly physicals are scheduled Saturday of the main unit training assembly at 7:30 a.m. in the hospital lobby.
- Non-fly detailed physicals are scheduled Saturdays of the main UTA at 8 a.m. in the hospital lobby. Members should fast 12 hours prior to the physical for laboratory requirements.
- Non-fly routine physicals are scheduled Sunday of the main UTA at 9 a.m. in the hospital lobby. For routine physicals, members should have a Department of Defense Form 2813, *Civilian Dental Form*, filled out by their private dentist stating the member has had a dental examination within the past 11 months.
- Failure to complete an annual physical or dental exam will result in member being put in a no points, no-pay status.

## Jacket, pullover require nametags

The Air Force has established both the mandatory date and proper wear for the new metallic nametag on service dress uniforms and pullover sweaters.

Effective Jan. 1, the nametag must be worn on the wearer's right side of the service dress jacket with the bottom of the nametag level with the bottom of the rib-

bons. It should be centered between the sleeve seam and the lapel. The nametag will also be worn on pullover sweaters on the wearer's right side with the bottom of the nametag centered between the middle of the sleeve seam and the seam of the neckline. It will not be worn on the cardigan sweater.

## Take steps to obtain W-2 when PIN is forgotten

Reservists who request or already have a myPay personal identification number and access the myPay Web site are consenting to receive only an electronic W-2.

Those who have forgotten their PIN must request a new number which could take up to 10 working days to receive. Members should also make certain the address which appears on their Leave and Earnings Statement is correct. This can be accomplished through Wing Customer Service, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 140 and/or Military Pay, Rm. 201. Additional questions can be answered on the myPay Website: <https://mypay.dfas.mil/w2information.htm>.

## McDonald's Air and Sea show free to public

The McDonald's Air and Sea Show, part of the corporation's national salute to the U.S. military is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2. The event is free to the public and takes place along four miles of Fort Lauderdale beach, with best viewing between Oakland Park and Las Olas Blvds.

This year's show features the U.S. Navy Blue Angels Demonstration team and includes the finest civilian and military performers in the country, with participants from all five branches of the military. Call the McDonald's Air and Sea Show Hotline at

(954) 527-5600 ext. 4, or visit the following Web sites: <http://www.nationalsalute.com> or [www.airseashow.com](http://www.airseashow.com) for more information. Hotel reservations for the event may be made by calling (954) 561-9556.

## Know when and where to enter BAFB

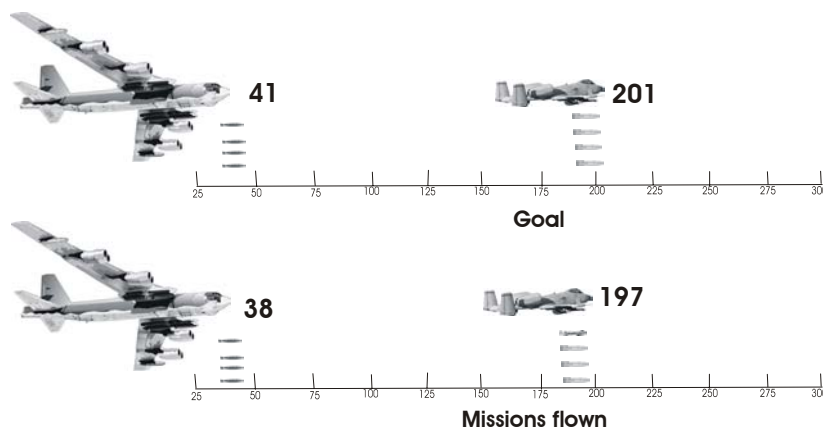
Hours of operation for all gates into Barksdale AFB are as follows:

- ♦ Shreveport and Bossier Gate: open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- ♦ East Gate: open Monday - Friday 5-8 a.m. (inbound only); 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. (inbound and outbound); Saturday 6 a.m. - noon; closed Sunday and all federal holidays
- ♦ South Gate: open Monday- Friday 6-8 a.m. (inbound); 3:30-6 p.m. (outbound); closed active-duty down days and federal holidays

## Need-to-know info for bonus recipients

- ♦ Members receiving bonuses should reenlist no more than 30 days prior to their Expiration Term of Service. Reenlisting earlier can terminate them from the bonus program.
- ♦ Bonuses are based on the Air Force Specialty Code manning shortage at the current base location. If members leave their current base, they may lose their AFSC incentive bonus.
- ♦ Bonus payments are based on the number of UTA periods members perform during their bonus anniversary year. If members miss a UTA and don't make it up or reschedule it (within their bonus anniversary year), that money is deducted from their bonus pay. Contact your Group/Unit Career Assistance Advisor or Master Sgt. Tamara Brown, Wing Career Assistance Advisor, at (318) 456-1003 for additional questions.

### 917th Wing Sortie Scoreboard December 2003



A-10 Mission Capable Rate 89.8% AFRC Goal 75%  
B-52 Mission Capable Rate 66.8% AFRC Goal 65%



# DO KNOW, DON'T TELL

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant  
Wing Public Affairs

There are some tidbits of information you shouldn't pass along, one of those being the password to your computer. No matter who asks for it, and no matter whom they are or how important they claim to be, they have no right to know. In spite of passwords and seemingly impermeable firewalls, it only takes one "weak link" to break the entire chain.

One such "weak link" is the *clueless savant*, the person who, although brilliant, lacks common sense. They write their password down on a sticky note, and then paste it on their monitor. When the sticky wears off, they call their workgroup manager on an unsecure phone line and request to know their password.

There is hope for people like this, but usually another clueless individual comes along to replace them.

The second type of person, a *regular user*, is one who is very security conscious, yet they will walk away from their computer without locking it to retrieve something off the fax machine. They disable their screen saver because it aggravates them, leaving their computer open and vulnerable always.

The third type is the *advanced user/hacker*, one whose sole purpose is to do damage. They usually have high-level access to the system, yet they choose to do something stupid like hide a library of pornography on their hard drive. The amount of damage they do depends on just how frustrated they are with their job.

It's up to each of us to protect ourselves and the information we are privy to. Use all necessary safety precautions when operating your PC. These simple precautions could be the answer to tightening a "weak link."

(Information from this article taken from "The Weakest Link: Social Engineering" by Mark Richardson)

## 917th Wing Salutes

### NEWCOMERS

#### 307 RHS

Staff Sgt. Kevin King, Doyline, La.

#### 717 AMXS

Senior Airman David Boesch, Coppell, Texas

#### 917 MDS

Senior Airman Wendy Jones, Atlanta, Texas

#### 917 LRS

Senior Airman Crystal Nelson, Buna, Texas

Airman 1st Class Sonja Martin, Vivian, La.

Senior Airman Sigmund Wilson, Shreveport, La.

#### 917 SFS

Senior Airman Miles Iverson, Shreveport, La.

Staff Sgt. Donald Witmer, Goldsboro, N.C.

Kimberly Porras, 917 WG

Caleb Tarr, 917 CES

#### To Airman 1st Class:

Patrick Adams, 917 LRS

Gavilan Jewitt, 917 LRS

Brandon Latham, 917 SFS

Jonathan Murphrey, 917 SFS

#### To Airman:

Natasha Battee, 917 MSF

Shari Bedford, 917 MXS

Sarah Butler, 917 MDS

Carol Ethridge, 917 MDS

Jack Frazier, 917 CES

Melace Miller, 93 BS

Edric Richardson, 917 LRS

Kristeena Wagner, 917 MDS

### PROMOTIONS

#### To Colonel:

Steve Kirkpatrick, 93 BS

John Lunsford, 93 BS

John Mooney, 917 OG

Stephen Moore, 917 WG

#### To Chief Master Sergeant:

Elroy Combs, 917 MXS

#### To Master Sergeant:

Zina Coffee, 917 MOS

Raymond Elliott, 307 RHS

Jeffery Schilling, 917 MXS

#### To Technical Sergeant:

Stephen Basham, 917 MDS

Barbara Dilosa, 917 WG

Carolyn Gray, 917 WG

John Laska Jr., 917 MXS

Stephen Perusin, 917 AMXS

David Johnson, 917 AMXS

#### To Staff Sergeant:

Samuel Citalan, 917 AMXS

#### To Senior Airman:

Jason Ballard, 917 MXS

Jonathan Borth, 917 AMXS

Joshua Brandt, 917 MXS

Richard Hamric III, 917 MXS

Carlton Harp IV, 917 CES



**Airman 1st Class Micole Smith**  
917th Medical Squadron  
*Airman of the Year 2003*



**Master Sgt. John McClain**  
917th Mission Support Group  
*First Sgt. of the Year 2003*



**Tech. Sgt. Wray Williams**  
917th Maintenance Squadron  
*NCO of the Year 2003*



**Master Sgt. Darold Fish**  
917 MXS  
*Senior NCO of the Year 2003*

## 2004 Reserve Pay for Four Drills

### Years of Service

	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
O-7	858.76	898.64	917.12	931.80	958.32	984.56	1,014.92	1,045.20	1,075.56	1,107.92	1,251.48	1,251.48	1,251.48	1,251.48	1,257.80
O-6	636.48	699.24	745.12	745.12	747.96	780.00	784.28	784.28	828.84	907.64	953.88	1,000.12	1,026.44	1,053.04	1,104.72
O-5	530.60	597.72	639.12	646.88	672.64	688.16	722.12	747.04	779.20	828.48	851.96	875.12	901.44	901.44	901.44
O-4	457.80	529.96	565.32	573.20	606.04	641.24	685.04	719.20	742.88	756.48	764.40	764.40	764.40	764.40	764.40
O-3	402.52	456.32	492.52	536.96	562.68	590.88	609.16	639.24	654.84	654.84	654.84	654.84	654.84	654.84	654.84
O-2	347.76	396.08	456.20	471.60	481.32	481.32	481.32	481.32	481.32	481.32	481.27	481.27	481.27	481.27	481.27
O-1	301.92	314.20	379.80	379.80	379.80	379.80	379.80	379.80	379.80	379.80	379.80	379.80	379.80	379.80	379.80
O-3E	0	0	0	536.96	562.68	590.88	609.16	639.24	664.56	679.04	698.84	0	0	0	0
O-2E	0	0	0	471.60	481.32	496.64	522.48	542.48	557.36	557.36	557.36	0	0	0	0
O-1E	0	0	0	379.80	405.64	420.60	435.92	450.96	471.60	471.60	471.60	0	0	0	0
E-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	502.56	513.96	528.32	545.24	562.20	589.48	612.56	636.88	673.96
E-8	0	0	0	0	0	411.40	429.60	440.84	454.36	469.00	495.40	508.76	531.52	544.16	575.24
E-7	286.00	312.16	324.08	339.96	352.28	373.52	385.48	397.36	418.64	429.28	439.40	445.56	466.40	479.88	514.00
E-6	247.40	272.16	284.16	295.84	308.00	335.48	346.16	358.04	368.44	372.12	374.64	374.64	374.64	374.64	374.64
E-5	226.68	241.80	253.48	265.48	284.08	300.12	311.96	315.72	315.72	315.72	315.72	315.72	315.72	315.72	315.72
E-4	207.76	218.44	230.24	241.88	252.20	252.20	252.20	252.20	252.20	252.20	252.20	252.20	252.20	252.20	252.20
E-3	187.60	199.40	211.40	211.40	211.40	211.40	211.40	211.40	211.40	211.40	211.40	211.40	211.40	211.40	211.40
E-2	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36	178.36

**Voices:** How much does your Reserve check contribute to your budget, and is it designated for one thing in particular?



**Tech. Sgt. Stephen Taylor**  
917th Medical Squadron

"I use my Reserve check to make my car payment."



**Airman 1st Class Melissa Bacott**  
917th Maintenance Squadron

"My Reserve check all goes toward my bills."



**Senior Airman Manrika White**  
917th Mission Support Flight

"I use my Reserve check to pay my car insurance."



**Staff Sgt. Kelvin Harrison**  
917th Maintenance Squadron

"It all goes toward my student loan."

# 917th Wing Training Schedule

Feb. 7-8, 2004

Time	Event	Location
<b>Saturday</b>		
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0700-1400	Immunizations	Base hospital, 1st floor
0730	Physical exam (flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Flight medicine
0730-1430	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	Detailed physical exam (non-flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0800-1600	Wing Mobility Exercise	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0930 & 1030	Family Support briefing	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 144
1000	Training Managers mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B
1000	First sergeants' mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, 3rd floor
1300	Commanders Support Staff trng.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1400	Unit Advisory Council mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
<b>1550-1610 Sign-out 1550--MXS 1600-- CES, MSS, WG 1610--MXG</b>		

<b>Sunday</b>		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800-1000	Dental Class 3 profile reviews	Base dental clinic
0800-1100	Immunizations	Base hospital
0800-1200	Self-Aid Buddy Care Instructor Course	Base hospital, 1st floor
0800-1200	Wing Mobility Exercise	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0800-1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0830	Substance Abuse	Medical Squadron
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0900	Routine physical exams (non-flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0945	EO First Duty Station Part 1	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	Chem Warfare Refresher	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 330
1300	EO First Duty Station Part 2	Bldg. 4714, 3rd floor
1300	Flightline drivers refresher	Bldg. 6825, 3rd floor
1400	MSG Top Three mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1400	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1400-1600	Airman & NCO of month/quarter photos	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 212
<b>1550-1610 Sign-out 1550--MXS 1600-- CES, MSS, WG 1610--MXG</b>		

## Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

<b>Barksdale AFB, La.</b>	<b>Shreveport, La.</b>	<b>Tyler, Texas</b>
Master Sgt. Joe Menna	Master Sgt. Ellen Shaheed	Staff Sgt. Kim Wilhite
Master Sgt. Don Copeland	318-683-0331	903-534-8618
1-800-241-4071	<b>Texarkana, Texas</b>	
<b>Monroe, La.</b>	Tech. Sgt. Casey Kelley	
Master Sgt. Gary Johnson	903-223-7030	
318-323-1898		

## SERVICES

### Military Personnel Flight

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, (318) 456-9205

#### Saturday

7 - 11 a.m. Newcomers in-processing  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. All customer service functions

#### Sunday

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. All customer service functions

#### Monday - Friday

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All services

**NOTE: Customer Service functions include in/out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, vehicle decals, record reviews, etc.**

### Base Billeting

**Bldg. 5155, (318) 456-3091/3092**

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (reservations required)

### Lodging

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

### Chaplain

**Bldg. 6803, Room 229, (318) 456-9179**

Friday - Sunday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Willis (985) 517-0955

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eubanks (479) 841-4641

Chaplain (Capt.) DeVaul (713) 502-1124

### Red River Dining Hall (Bldg. 4631)

Breakfast 5:30 - 6:30 a.m. Lunch - 717 AMXS - 11:45, 917 AMXS - 10:30/11:30, CES - noon, MSS - 11:45, MXG, MOS - 11, MXS - 11:15, OPS - 11, SFS - 12:15, WG - 11:30

**NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.**

### Family Readiness (Bldg. 4713)

Saturday & Sunday 8-11 a.m.

### Military drivers license

Military drivers license issue (main UTA), Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Sat. & Sun., noon - 2 p.m.

### Military Pay

Saturday and Sunday (main UTA) 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Gov. Travel Card Service

**Bldg. 6803, Room 203, (318) 456-9546**

Monday - Friday, Main UTA 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### Initial military clothing issue

**Bldg. 6825, Room 218, (318) 456-7177**

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday (Main UTA) 1-3 p.m.

### Testing schedule

#### CDC/PME

Wed., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B

Sun., (Main UTA) 9 a.m. ONLY, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B - Course 00005A/00012G

Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309

Sun., (Alt. UTA) 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B

#### DANTES/CLEP

Thurs., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 152

Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309

#### AFOQT/AFCT

Sunday of UTA on a quarterly basis as scheduled Call Wing Education and Training at 456-7496/8066 for times or scheduling requirements.

### Gas Mask/Chem Gear Issue

Sat. (main UTA) 8-10 a.m., Bldg. 6811(Mask), Bldg. 6822 (Chem Gear)



# Volunteers give fans direction

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant

More than 49,000 Arkansas and Missouri football fans filled the stands at the Independence Bowl stadium on New Year's Eve. And there to lead them to their seats were volunteers from Barksdale.

The task of ushering, according to Mr. Pat Gilliland, usher chairman, is vital to the success of each Indy Bowl game.

"Every single person (who attends the game) deals with an usher," he said. "It is important to have people who are mature, friendly and promote community service. The men and women from Barksdale have all the qualities I look for."

"I joined the military to serve the public," said Tech. Sgt. James Abraham, 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron avionics communication navigation systems mechanic. "Volunteering to be an usher is just another way I can serve the public in my off-duty time."

"We in the Air Force are just a bunch of good-hearted people," said Master Sgt. Tina Chasteen, assistant chief of 917th Information Systems. "So, we get out here on New Year's Eve in this chilly weather because we like to help others. It's just the way we are."

"I volunteer every year because I like helping people," said Tech. Sgt. Perry Pagan, 2 MXS. "But this year was very special. I assisted a gentleman to his seat right behind the Arkansas bench on the 35-yard line, two rows up, who I found out in conversation, was Coach Nutt's (Arkansas head coach) dad. He had a sideline pass the whole game, but chose to sit in the stands. It was truly an honor to be able to sit and talk to a man like that!"

And so, according to Mr. Gilliland, the burden has been lifted for another year, his seventh as usher chairman.

"It takes a huge load off to make just one phone call and have you all eager to help out. For that, I am grateful."



Sergeant Abraham shows fans to their seats. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)

## UTA Schedule

### Main

Feb. 7-8  
March 6-7  
April 3-4  
May 1-2  
June 5-6  
July 10-11  
Aug. 7-8  
Sept. 11-12  
Oct. 2-3  
Nov. 6-7  
Dec. 4-5

### Alternate

Feb. 21-22  
March 20-21  
April 17-18  
May 15-16  
June 12-13  
July 17-18  
Aug. 21-22  
Sept. 18-19  
Oct. 16-17  
Nov. 20-21  
No alternate

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